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A Conference of the C. S. S. S. was held at S. Saviour's House, Philadelphia, on Tuesday, April 15th, at 11.30 a. m., after the Mass of the Holy Ghost had been sung.

There were present—The Master, the Warden, Brs. Cowl, Lobdell, Hayward, Stone and Ward.

Reports received from—Brs. Webb, Newton, Raker, Bowles, Robinson, Cogswell, Hitchcock, Hatton and Macpherson.

The Master gave the following Meditation :

The Goodness of our God.

"I am the good Shepherd."

I.—His Goodness seen in the natural gifts bestowed upon us.

1. In our creation, giving us the possibility of eternal life.
2. In the special gifts of body and soul, fitting us for a particular place in life.
3. In the social position in which he placed us, whether it be high or low ; with many worldly advantages or but few.

II.—His Goodness seen in the supernatural gifts bestowed.

1. The gift of regeneration incorporating us into himself :
"I have said ye are gods."
2. The gift of illumination whereby we know him.

3. The gift of strengthening whereby we are enabled to rise up more and more to the realization of his purpose.

III.—His Goodness seen in giving us repentance.

1. Going after us when we had strayed from him.
2. Calling us, even in the midst of our sins, to return to him.
3. Giving us a detestation of the sin we delighted in, and a longing for the peace of reconciliation.
4. Receiving us back with love and gentleness, “for he is good, for his mercy endureth forever.”

The translation of S. Thomas, Summa, Pars III, Questio LXVIII, Art. 9, was rendered by Br. Lobdell. Translation of Art. 8 received from Br. Bowles.

There being not a sufficient number of the Companions present to assemble in Chapter, the report of the Treasurer was read in Conference and ordered printed in the Acta.

At a meeting of the Committee on “Expansion” it was unanimously resolved to report to the next Chapter, “That it is inexpedient for the Congregation to take any steps towards the altering of its Constitution along the lines contemplated.”

Appointments for the May Conference : Br. Cowl to give the meditation ; Brs. Stone and Newton to translate Art. 10, Questio LXVIII, of the Summa of S. Thomas.

The *Officium Proprium* closed the Conference.

N. DUNHAM VANSYCKEL,
Warden, C. S. S. S.

Appendix.

TREASURER'S REPORT

1901	DR.	
Sep. 10, Bal. on hand, ...		\$53.84
“ 13, Retreat Offerings, ...		18.50
Nov. 15, Int. Percival Bond, ...		30.00
1902		
March 1, Royalty on Catechisms, ...		12.92
“ 1, From Companions, ...		69.00
		—————\$184.26
1901	CR.	
Sep. 11, Deposit in W. S. Fund, ...		\$18.00
“ 11, Music at Retreat, ...		10.75
Oct. 14 Other expenses of Retreat, ...		32.73
1902		
Feb. 18, Plates for Cate. Ins. I, ...		34.25
Apr. 5, R. R. fare of Master, ...		25.00
“ 5, Printing, ...		25.00
“ 5, Postage to Warden, ...		2.38
“ 5, “ to Treasurer, ...		.66
		—————\$148.77
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Balance on hand, ...		\$35.49

April 15, 1902.

GEORGE B. STONE, *Treas.*

TRUSTEES' REPORT

1901	
Sept. 11, Reported at Autumn Chapter in	
W. S. Fund, ...	\$607.04
Sept. 11, Deposit, W. S. Fund, ...	18.00
Dec. 31, Interest, ...	16.50
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Apr. 15, 1902, Total in W. S. Fund, ...	\$641.54

WM. MCGARVEY

For the Trustees.